GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Commercial Taxes Department - Panel of Assistant Commissioners of State Tax fit for promotion to the category of Deputy Commissioners of State Tax for the Panel year 2024-25 - Smt. G.Manjula Rani, Assistant Commissioner (ST) -Included in the panel and Promotion deferred until termination of the Disciplinary proceedings - Filed WP No. 23678 of 2025 in the Hon'ble AP High Court - Disciplinary proceedings cancelled – Promoted as Deputy Commissioner of State Tax – Orders – Issued.

REVENUE (COMMERCIAL TAXES) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 362 Dated: 08-10-2025
Read the following:

1. G.O.Rt.No.689, Revenue (Vig.II)Dept., dated:27-09- 2024.
2. Hon'ble High Court Common order, dt. 5-8-2025 in WP No. No10887/2025 & WP No. 19036 of 2025
3. U.O.Note No. 2935965/Ser.D/2025-1, dt.13-8-2025 of G.A.(Ser.D) Dept.
4. G.O.Ms.No.293, Revenue (CT) Dept., dated:26-08- 2025.
5. G.O.Ms.No.306, Revenue (CT) Dept., dated:31-08- 2025.
6. Hon'ble High Court interim order, dt.11-9-2025 in W.P.No.23678/25
7. G.O.Ms.No.1129, Revenue (Vig.VI) Dept., dated:24-09-2025
8. G.O.Ms.No.1130, Revenue (Vig.VI) Dept., dated:24- 09-2025.

ORDER:

Based on the recommendations of the Screening Committee vide proceedings No. 2935965/Ser.D/2025-1, dt. 13-08-2025, orders were issued in the G.O. 4th read above, including names of certain Asst. Commissioners (ST) in the panel of officers fit for promotion to the post of Dy. Commissioner (ST) and the name of Smt. G. Manjula Rani Assistant Commissioner (ST) has been included in the panel of Assistant Commissioner (ST) fit for promotion to the post of Deputy Commissioner (ST) for the panel year 2024-25 and the promotion was deferred until termination of the disciplinary proceedings pending against her in terms of G.O.Ms.No.424, GAD, Dated 25.05.1976 read with G.O.Ms.No.257 GAD, Dated 10.06.1999 as shown below:

Sl.No.	Name of the Officer Sri/Smt	Roster point	Remarks
1	S.Shahanaz Begum	RP-46	Included
2	S.Sonia Tara	RP-47 (SC-Group-III)	Included (Adequacy acheived, hence filled up as per general seniority)
3	R.Leela Rani	RP-48	Included

4	G.Manjula Rani	RP-49	**Included and deferred**
5	G.Srinivas	RP-50	**Included and deferred**
6	M.Hareesh Kumar (SC(Group.III))	RP-51	Included
7		RP-52 (SC-Group-II)	**Carried forward**
8	M.V.Mutyala Rao	RP-53	Included
9	K.Kedareswar Rao	RP-54	Included
10	V.Kederishwara Rao (ST)	RP-55	Included
11	B.Praveen Kumar	RP-56	Included (reserve)

2. In the G.O. 5th read above, duly deleting the name of Smt. G.Manjula Rani, AC (ST) the following Assistant Commissioners of State Tax were promoted as Deputy Commissioners of State Tax on adhoc/temporary basis mentioning therein that they are liable to be reverted at any time without any notice and assigning any reasons there for and also subject to outcome of OAs/WPs/Was/RPs/SLPs/CAs, if any pending before the Tribunals/Courts etc.

Sl.No.	**Name of the Assistant Commissioner of State Tax Sri/Smt**
1	S.Shahanaz Begum
2	S.Sonia Tara
3	R.Leela Rani
4	M.Harish Kumar (SC)
5	M.V.Mutyala Rao
6	K.Kedareswara Rao
7	V.Kedareswara Rao (ST)
8	B.Praveen Kumar

Posting orders are yet to be issued to the above officers.

3. Prior to the convening of the Screening Committee meeting, Smt.G. Manjula Rani, Asst.Commissioner (ST) has approached the Hon'ble High Court of Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati WP No. No. 10887/2025 & WP No. 19036 of 2025 questioning G.O.Rt.No.689, dated 27.09.2024, imposing penalty of withholding one (1) annual grade increment without cumulative effect and questioning the action of the Respondents in seeking to supersede the Petitioner in promotion to the post of Deputy Commissioner (Sales Taxes) respectively as illegal and arbitrary. The Hon'ble High Court in their Common order dt.05-08-2025 disposed the two Writ Petitions with the following directions: -

i) The impugned order issued by Respondent No.1 vide G.O.Rt.No.689, dated.27.09.2024 is set-aside.
ii) The case is remitted to the disciplinary authority for taking further action from the stage of enquiry report.

iii) Pending further action, the Petitioner shall be considered for promotion to the post of Deputy Commissioner (ST) without reference to the disciplinary action referred above;

4. Aggrieved by non implementation of the orders of the Hon'ble Court as submitted above, Smt. G.Manjula Rani filed another Writ Petition W.P.No.23678/2025, praying to declare G.O. Ms.No. 293, Revenue (Commercial Taxes) Dept., dt.28-08-2025 in so far as it defers the promotion of the petitioner to the post of Deputy Commissioner (State Taxes) as arbitrary, illegal, unconstitutional, violative of the Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution of India and in direct contravention of the common order dt. 5-8-2025 passed by the Hon'ble Court in W.P. No. 10887 and 19036 of 2025 and consequently direct the respondents to promote her to the post of Deputy Commissioner (ST) with all consequential benefits.

5. The Hon'ble High Court in their orders dt.11-9-2025 was pleased to pass the following orders:

> "the conduct of the respondents in the face of the order of this Court directing the respondents to consider the case of the petitioner without reference to the disciplinary enquiry is contemptuous and therefore, Respondent No.2- Prl.Secretary, Department of Revenue (Vig.VI) Secretariat, Amaravati shall appear before this Court and personally explain as to how the impugned orders were passed deferring the promotion to the petitioner in blatant contravention of the orders of this Court referred supra."

6. Accordingly, in compliance with the common orders of the Hon'ble High Court dt.05-08-2025 in W.P.No.10887 of 2025 and 19036 of 2025 and interim orders dt.11-09-2025 in the reference 5th read above, orders were issued in the G.O. 7th read above cancelling the orders of punishment imposed on Smt.G. Manjula Rani and in G.O.8 th read above, dropping further action with a warning to be more careful in future.

7. In the above approved panel, the name of Sri B. Praveen Kumar. Asst. Commissioner (ST) was added as 'reserve' at Sl. No. 11 and with the promotion of Smt. G.Manjula Rani being ordered now, there will be no vacancy available to accommodate him in the panel of 2024-25 and he needs to be reverted.

8. Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby order the following:-

(a) Smt. G. Manjula Rani, Asst.Commissioner (ST) is promoted to the post of Dy.Commissioner (ST) under Rule 10 (a) of AP State and Subordinate Service Rules, 1996 on adhoc basis/temporary in the scale of pay of Rs: 80910- 166680, duly placing her at Sl.No.4 (RP-49) in accordance with the G.O.Ms.No.424, GA (Ser.C) Dept.,dt.25-5-1976 read with G.O.Ms.No. 257, GA (Ser.C) Dept., dt.10-06-1999 and in pursuance of the orders of the Hon'ble Court in W.P. Nos. 10887 and 19036 of 2025 dt.05.08.2025.

(b) Sri B. Praveen Kumar, Asst.Commissioner (ST), (RP-56), who was included as 'reserve' at Sl.No. 11 and the last person in the approved panel of 2024-25 and promoted as Dy. Commissioner (ST) in G.O.Ms.No. 306, Revenue(CT)Dept.,dated:31-08-2025 is reverted to the post of Asst. Commissioner (ST) as there is no vacancy to accommodate him in the panel of 2024-25.

9. The above promotion is purely on temporary/adhoc basis and the individual is liable to be reverted as Assistant Commissioner of State Tax at any time without any notice and assigning any reasons therefor and also subject to outcome of OAs/WPs/WAs/RPs/SLPs/CAs if any pending before the Tribunal/Courts etc.

10. The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, A.P. is requested to furnish necessary proposals for posting of the promoted officers immediately.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHR APRADESH)

PEEYUSH KUMAR
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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER